REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful search and the finding of allowable subject matter. Applicants propose herein amendments to correct clerical errors and conform with antecedent basis. Claims 27, 29, 30, 44-46, 48 and 57 have been amended.

It is submitted that the amendments merely correct formalities with regard to claims 27, 29, 30, 44-46, 48 and 57 and do not affect the scope of the claims.

Conclusion

Since the proposed amendments merely embody the correction of formal matters, and do not affect the scope of the claims, Applicants respectfully request their entry.

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Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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